

## Voluntary Placement Services (VPS)

VPS provide residential habilitation services for children outside of a child's family home. The service is voluntary and agreed to by the child's parent, custodian or legal guardian, and service provider. Services are provided in licensed settings integrated within local communities. Parents retain custody, and work in partnership with the licensed provider through a shared parenting plan that supports the child and their individual support needs. VPS engage local communities, licensed providers, schools, the Department of Children, Youth, and Families, and other stakeholders to coordinate services that wrap around the individual.

### Eligibility Requirements

The client:

- Is determined eligible for Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) services under Chapter 388-825 WAC
- Will receive residential habilitation services before the age of 18
- Has accessed all other available and appropriate DDA services

The child's parent, guardian, or legal custodian:

- Is unable to provide care for the child's needs
- Has determined the child would benefit from residential habilitation services
- Requests residential habilitation services that are based solely on the child's developmental disability
- Complies with the voluntary placement agreement; and DDA:
  - Has available funding;
  - Determines that available and appropriate in-home supports do not meet the child's needs;
  - Determines that residential habilitation

## Quality Assurance Oversight

- State Department of Children, Youth and Families - Licensing Division
- Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services
- DDA Office of Compliance, Monitoring, and Training
- DDA Office of Quality Assurance and Communications

## Stakeholders

- Individuals receiving services
- Families of program participants
- Advocacy organizations
- Children's residential service providers
- Department of Children, Youth and Families
- DSHS Behavioral Health Administration
- State Health Care Authority
- Pediatric hospitals

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Approximately 110 children and youth were receiving residential habilitation services under the DDA HCBS Core waiver in 2019. Find out more about how DSHS is transforming lives at [www.dshs.wa.gov](http://www.dshs.wa.gov).